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Mr. Michael Collins  
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Humane Society  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

You asked the FDA to ban the non-medical farm animal use of the antibiotics that may also be used for humans. The Citizen Petition (CP) you support is identified as 99P-0485 and your comment will be filed in that Docket. It is the only current animal drug CP that fits the context of your February 2000 letter.

The FDA has this CP under consideration. We issued an interim response on June 10, 1999, and we will send the final response as soon as possible. This CP involves many drug approvals. It is scientifically and legally complex requiring careful and thorough scientific, legal, and policy consultation, analysis and coordination within the agency. Our response will be filed in the 99P-0485 Docket and be available to the public.

Sincerely yours,

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Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine

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